(c) Manpower policy in this regard will be finalised after the recommendations of the consultant are received.

Operation of International Flights from Hyderabad

2687. SHRI NANDIYELLAIAH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Central Government to operate one direct flight between Hyderabad and Dubai in view of heavy demand from Andhra Pradesh NRIs;

(b) If so, whether Government would agree to the request;

(c) by when such flights would operate; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (d) Following airlines are presently connecting Hyderabad to Dubai:—

Emirates : 8 services/week

Indian Airlines: 7 services/week

Air services from Raipur

2688. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to introduce air services to link Raipur with Hyderabad, Goa, Bangalore and Kolkata or with other cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for not introducing the same in view of utilisation of the desolate airports and passenger amenities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Indian Airlines has presetly no plans to link Raipur with Hyderabd, Goa, Bangalore and Kolkata or with other cities.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government has laid down route dispersal guidelines with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the country including North-East region. It is, however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability subject to compliance of Route Dispersal Guidelines issued by Government.

Cancellation of licences of Co-operative Banks

†2689. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether RBI has urged more powers to supersede boards of erring co-operative banks and also to cancel their licences;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Union Government in this regard;

(c) whether Government would ensure and implement strict norms for co-operative banks to check their fraudulent involvement/deals; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) presently has the powers to refuse issue of licences (in the case of co-operative banks whose applications are pending with it) and also cancel licenses, under Section 22 of Banking Regulation Act, 1949 (As Applicable to Co-operative Societies). RBI also has powers in terms of Section 13D of the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC) Act read with State Co-operative Societies Acts of various States to ask the Registrar of Co-operatives of the concerned State Government to supersede the Board of a co-operative bank, if that bank is an eligible cooperative bank to get insurance coverage in terms of DICGC Act.

(c) and (d) RBI reviews the system of regulation and supervision of urban cooperative banks (UCBs) and has taken a series of measures to correct the systemic deficiencies and to strengthen the system of regulation and supervision of urban cooperative banks. These measures

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.